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Monday, Oct. 3 - Sunday, Oct. 9

Superheroes with Captain Skyhawk

UTM SKYHAWKS



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AUSTIN PEAY GOVS

Hardy M. Graham Stadium
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2016

Lip Sync

7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Northwest Corner of Elam Center
In case of rain, Lip Sync will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Elam Center

Pyramid and Pep Rally

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 - Elam Center
\$5 per person charge

NPHC Step Show

7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 - Skyhawk Fieldhouse

PRSSA Womanless Revue

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 - Watkins Auditorium

Homecoming Queen

Homecoming Courts will be announced at
8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4.
Homecoming Elections will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the University Center.

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EDITORIAL

Heroes in all shapes and sizes

With homecoming right around the corner, it's no wonder why we at *The Pacer*, as well as other students are excited.

Homecoming week is the week of ultimate campus unity. It's filled with all sorts of activities and events hosted by the Student Activities Council, Student Life and Greek Life. During the weekend, the annual Quad City takes place, hosting tents from various clubs, organizations, departments and more. Following the festivities is the homecoming game where students, alumni and potential students cheer on the Skyhawks.

Every year is a different theme, with previous years including Captain Skyhawk's 20th birthday celebration. This year's theme is superheroes, meaning people will most likely rummage their closets for their Batman and Wonder Woman costumes. However, the real heroes are usually the ones we



barely notice in our daily lives.

Some of these heroes include firefighters, who will help by saving a kitten from a tree or leaving during their Memorial

Day barbecues to try to save a house that was almost 17 years of a family's life.

They also include doctors, nurses and other medical

employees who will work 48 hour shifts to make sure that a life isn't lost that day.

They are soldiers who fight and sacrifice their lives for our rights to freedom, whether it's the freedom to sit or stand or the freedom to speak our minds as individuals.

They are professors and teachers who open opportunities for students to grow and discover their own path towards a future.

Lastly, heroes are police officers who don't abuse their status to perform acts of injustice, but who protect their communities with their lives to keep the unity and peace.

There are many heroes to think about when this theme comes up. Yes, it's cool that supernatural beings and geniuses can be superheroes, but it's time to look into our own lives and appreciate the real heroes around us.

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COLUMNS

Terrorism and religious links don't mix together

Elysia Duke
Writer

The bombings that occurred in New York and New Jersey on Saturday caused a deal of pandemonium, along with a further debate on religious beliefs and links to terrorism.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, many Americans have easily linked terrorism to and caused mass fear toward the Islamic religion. Although there are news reports that state that Islam is a religion of peace, there is also the fear of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) groups that many people often link to Islam.

ISIS is on a mission to implement Sharia Law worldwide, including the mass murders of Christians and the abolition of the Judeo-Christian movement worldwide. ISIS often makes the carnage public, but there are lessons to be learned from these atrocities.

On the Huffington Post website, Omar Alnatour explained why Americans should not be completely afraid of Muslims.

"Muslims do not plan to take over America with our religion," said Alnatour.

Alnatour also reveals that Muslims are wanting to adapt to American ways of life and help their fellow Americans.

"This nation we live in is a seen as a symbol of freedom and opportunity and Muslims lead the nation by example," said Alnatour. "American Muslims not only hold more college degrees by proportion than the

general U.S. population, but also make up the second-highest level of education among major religious groups. To add, American Muslim women hold more college or postgraduate degrees than Muslim men and are more likely to work in professional fields than women from most other U.S. religious groups."

On CNN.com, Reza Aslan revealed how a recent convert to Islam carried out a mission to go on a shooting spree and offered his own argument.

"The notion that there is a one-to-one correlation between religious beliefs and behavior may seem obvious and self-evident to those unfamiliar with the study of religion," said Aslan. "But it has been repeatedly debunked by social scientists who note that 'beliefs do not causally explain behavior' and that behavior is in fact the result of complex interplay among a host of social, political, cultural, ethical, emotional, and yes, religious factors."

If religion is not related to terrorism, the problem would be related to culture, mental illness, family life, and peer pressure. It is a choice if that person decides to commit terrorism.

Islam is most commonly linked to terrorism besides Satanism. Americans will continue to link terrorism to the Islamic religion unless they are educated to inform themselves to investigate different religions and belief systems and to understand that extremism exists in each group. The best question is: will everyone get along one day?

Sitting or standing: it's honestly your call

Jillianne Moncrief
Staff Writer

A big issue circulating in America is whether it is disrespectful to sit during the national anthem, or if that is a freedom that Americans have.

Colin Kaepernick, football player for the San Francisco 49ers, decided to sit on the bench during the national anthem in a preseason game. At first glance, the gesture seems very disrespectful. However, Kaepernick said that he is protesting the oppression of African Americans and other minorities who do not have a voice.

Kaepernick reiterates that he is not doing it out of disrespect of the military men and women. He is just trying to shed some light on serious social issues and hoping that a change will come.

It is your right to stand or sit during the national anthem, and there are no set rules on whether or not you stand for the national anthem. We have the freedom to stand, or sit in this case, for our beliefs. It's stupid to get angry at whether you stand or sit during the anthem because we set it as a tradition.

Standing for the national anthem is just a symbol of respect, almost like wearing a wedding band. However, Kaepernick has stated a plethora of times that he is kneeling to give a voice to the people who feel oppressed by the flag, not out of disrespect for the military men and



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women. He is peacefully protesting for the people of color and for anyone who feels like his or her rights have been taken away or quenched because of color or sexual preference.

Nobody said standing had to represent the country. Is it stupid for him not to stand? Yes. He knows this will create drama and will only bring more harm than good. Are there other ways to make his voice heard? Yes. Maybe at a conference after a game, he could say something. He should hear the opinion of the people and see which option is best. However, it is not un-American to sit during the anthem, because it is our right.

Everyone says to exercise freedom, but once someone takes action on their freedom, then everyone jumps on the bandwagon to crucify the person. To a majority of people, the only opinion that matters is the patriotic opinion. Taking action on your freedom should not be considered a sin.

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Viewpoints

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Stop bullying your kid(s) on social media

Barianna Woods
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Call it a new trend: parents are disciplining their children on social media, and it's safe to say we're all sick of it.

Since the beginning of time, the idea that parents know what's best for their child has been the golden rule. Everybody, from the U.S. Supreme Court to the next door neighbor, would prefer

not to interfere with how parents choose to handle their children. However, this is one way that has been taken too far.

As children, everyone can say there was a moment where they made a bad decision and were punished for it. But by golly, it wasn't broadcasted for millions of people to share and comment on. The effects of publicly humiliating kids for bad behavior can easily be considered emotional child

abuse.

Here's why: the idea of disciplining means to impart knowledge and skill—in other words, to teach. It is a time for the child to differentiate between what's right and wrong. The problem with disciplining on social media is that it goes from being a learning moment to humiliation for the child.

It socially destroys them, which can lead to even bigger problems. Kidspot.com noted

that the psychological effects of shame and humiliation range from a decreased level of self-esteem to a sense of unworthiness to diminished self-efficacy, and can even lead to depression, anxiety and elevated stress.

The scenario is no different than if it was done by that child's peer or a stranger, so it's no exception for parents either. It makes no sense to completely shave your 3rd grade daughter's hair on social media because

she made a joke about another little girl who was bald from chemotherapy.

The child was wrong, but turning her into a victim of bullying is not going to teach her a lesson. It just breaks the trust that exists between parent and child.

Don't ruin a child for a few 'likes' on Facebook or because you believe "it's harmless". Content posted onto the web is forever, even once it's erased - it's not really erased.

Society's abusive stance on domestic abuse

Rebekah Cotten
Staff Writer

Most people have seen shows where situations are created and random people, who don't know they are being filmed, are either forced to step in or walk past because they don't want to interfere.

These situations can range on a variety of topics, but sometimes it turns out to be domestic abuse situations. More often than not it is a man yelling at a woman. The people on the show usually step in to defend the woman when she is being yelled at, even though they do not know the full story. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that if they saw a man being physically or verbally

violent to a woman, they would immediately jump in to defend the woman.

How many of those same people would jump in to defend the man if the roles were reversed?

Men who are in abusive relationships are often brushed off; their cries for help are ignored, leading them to believe that they did something wrong. Men are often called the "invisible victims" because they are not often pinned for the type of person to be pushed around.

Even if they decided to stand up and escape, the woman could easily twist the situation around, causing the man to look as if he is the one at fault instead of the woman. If they were to defend themselves, especially in

public, it would show the man's character in less of a self-defense light, but in a more violent light.

The question of "why didn't they leave when they first realized their partner was emotionally abusive?" is likely to be raised. At the beginning of a relationship, the person, in this case a woman, is not likely to start out being emotionally abusive. It is a slow process, usually referred to as gaslighting, where the abuse slowly and gradually becomes worse. Gaslighting is not an overnight occurrence, and is not easily discovered.

The victim, in this case a man, does not quickly realize that the woman is being as cruel as she is until it has escalated out of control. The man may not even

realize he is being emotionally abused, but rather brushes it off as him doing something wrong or there being an issue going on in the woman's life.

No matter the excuse used to justify why the woman is being abusive, it is wrong. There is no excuse for being emotionally or physically abusive, whether it's by a man or a woman. The only way to stop the abuse is to speak up, take the leap of faith and get help. Do not let the fear that they will do something worse if you seek help scare you. There are plenty of people out there, willing to listen, help you escape and recover.

Men, you are not alone. According to The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 10% of men have experienced

rape, physical violence, or stalking by their partner. 13.8% have been the victim of severe physical violence inflicted by their partner and 4% have been seriously injured.

These are just the reported cases. If you or someone you know is being abused, report it. Don't let the fear that no one will believe you stop you from speaking up. There are people out there who will listen, support, and love you no matter what. Speak up, reach out and use your story to encourage others to get help.

If you or someone you know is being abused, get help. Contact campus public safety at (731) 881-7777 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

PUZZLE

Word Search #2: UTM Homecoming 2016

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Homecoming is almost here, so why not celebrate with a word search! Everything from Greek events and campus activities are hidden inside this fun puzzle. Enjoy and have fun this homecoming week!

- BRUNCH
- FOOTBALL
- GREEK
- HOMECOMING
- HOMECOMING QUEEN
- LIPSYNC
- PYRAMID
- QUAD CITY
- ROPEPULL

News

SACS site team visit brings final evaluation on UTM accreditation status

Kristina Shaw

Co - News Editor

After being placed on academic probation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December 2015, UTM has the opportunity to lay this problem to rest Oct. 4-6 with a final evaluation by a visiting SACS team.

The team consists of four professionals in university leadership and institutional effectiveness from Coastal Carolina University, William and Mary College, the University of North Georgia and Morehead State University. Together they have been handpicked by SACS to evaluate whether UTM has aptly met the five accreditation standards that put the university into probationary status last year. Joining them will be the SACS regional vice president.

Should the university pass inspection, it will be taken off probation and remain a fully accredited institution. If not, the school will stay on probation for another year and undergo the same evaluation process and submission of material. After such time, if these issues are not addressed, the university would lose its accreditation.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, accreditation is the recognition that "an institution maintains standards requisite for its graduates to gain admission to other reputable institutions of



Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

higher learning or to achieve credentials for professional practice." The status also ensures federal funding and scholarship opportunities for students.

UTM's woes began in 2013, after its 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation process. The SACS Commission on Colleges found that 11 of 92 standards of compliance needed more thorough documentation of support. Six of these were resolved in the same year, though a warning was issued to address the remaining five.

Those five standards concerned the concept of institutional effectiveness or the documented use of data to inform decisions. This could be seen at all levels, in administration changes for student services to the changing of course curricula and textbooks used.

"We were all making good decisions, and we were all making decisions based on data, we just weren't writing it down for future use," said Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch, UTM's SACSCOC coordinator. A report was developed

in 2014 concerning these standards and in December 2015, SACSCOC announced the school's probationary status, acknowledging that while movements were made in the right direction, work still needed to be done.

Though the school was never stripped of its accreditation status, the announcement garnered the attention of those on and off campus.

Family and Consumer Science student Kayla Hargrove will graduate after this semester with a concentration in Fashion and Merchandising, and was "a little concerned" when she received a schoolwide email after the SACSCOC verdict.

"I've been here the past three years and would hate for something to happen," said Hargrove.

In the spirit of transparency, the university also held a forum in January 2016, printed a monthly newsletter and developed a website to update the campus and community on the progress being made.

Since that time, faculty and staff have worked together to correct the addressed missing pieces.

Among the many actions taken to rectify the situation, assessment committees were formed, training was given on data collection and utilization, new techniques were created to monitor progress such as the student learning objectives, and an infrastructure was implemented to further solidify these measures for the future, said Kolitsch.

"We are working to centralize the assessment reporting so that everybody is required to document what it is that they're doing and to send copies of that documentation essentially to this office so that we can have one central repository for that institutional memory that we're trying to create," Kolitsch said.

In an email sent to faculty and staff by UTM's interim chancellor, Dr. Robert Smith, the result of the process is a 196-page, 50,088-word document with 1,364 electronic links to other documents of importance and 7,165 pages of additional supporting documents. It underwent over 100 hours of editing by four external consultants and 78 members of UTM faculty and staff. It was submitted to SACSCOC on Aug. 24.

"We're very happy with the report we have," said Patty Flowers, assessment coordinator. "... We've done everything we

know to do to be prepared for the visit. I can't think of anything that we could have done that we haven't done."

Along with Kolitsch, Flowers has worked with academic departments and nonacademic units to answer any questions and collect and organize reports. She also helped to design and enforce the infrastructure for documentation deadlines and requirements.

Once on campus, the visiting SACS team will meet with the deans of the colleges, the Faculty Senate Committee on Instruction, a group of faculty who teach general education courses, and other faculty groups to discuss things such as program outcomes and research activity. Students are advised that this could potentially affect their classes should their professors be called to speak with the evaluators.

At the end of the visit, the team will write a recommendation to SACSCOC to be reviewed and decided upon at the commission's annual meeting, Dec. 4-7. In keeping with the 10-year cycle, the next accreditation review will be in 2023.

"I am proud of the work and commitment of our people," Smith said. "Once they were given the opportunity to demonstrate we were not the institution portrayed by our past reports, they responded with exceptional and often inspired work. We are where we are supposed to be."

FAFSA submissions are available early starting this October

Shanell Hacker

Staff Writer

Recently, FAFSA has been tweaked to enable early submission without the annual hassle of enduring a waiting period for the information needed to complete it.

FAFSA is an application that students who plan to attend a college or university must complete in order to apply for federal student aid. This includes the Pell Grant, subsidized and unsubsidized federal student loans and work-

study opportunities. It is also required for students receiving state grants and scholarships.

Two major modifications to the FAFSA application process have taken effect for the upcoming academic year of 2017-18:

The first major change in the application process being that the FAFSA is now available as early as Oct. 1 instead of Jan. 1 of the upcoming school year.

Secondly, FAFSA will collect income information from an earlier tax year. Starting with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will

report their income information from two years prior, which for this year means 2015 income information—two tax years before the beginning of the school year.

"Now that the FAFSA information will be available earlier, we plan to have information regarding students' potential award amounts earlier as well. Because the Department of Education will not be able to provide us with confirmed Pell amounts until February, your awards will be "estimated" until that information is received,"

says UTM financial aid office.

Regarding questions related to when the taxes need to be filed, Financial Aid had this to say.

"Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will report income information from two years prior, which in this case is 2015 income information. Considering that the 2015 tax filing deadline is April 15, 2016, and the 2017-18 FAFSA will become available on Oct. 1, 2016, applicants are very likely to have completed their taxes before Oct. 1, and the tax information would be available

to be reported on the FAFSA."

Students will still be required to complete the FAFSA every year, as eligibility for federal student aid doesn't carry over from one academic year to the next. It is essential for students to complete the FAFSA for every year in which they plan to be a student. Eligibility for financial aid can fluctuate from year to year for several reasons, including the financial situation of a student or family as well as the number of family members enrolled in a college or university.

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News

Keith Carver focuses on student success

Rachel Moore

Editorial Assistant

Dr. Keith Carver has been recommended as the 10th chancellor for UTM.

Pending board approval, he hopes to focus his time and efforts on student success.

Dr. Joe DiPietro, president of the UT System, recently announced his recommendation for Keith Carver as the next chancellor of UTM. This recommendation will go before the UT Board of Trustees at their next meeting in Knoxville on Oct. 13 and 14.

Carver has spent time serving as UTM's assistant vice chancellor for development from 2006 to 2010 and has been the executive assistant to the president for Dr. DiPietro since he took office in 2011.

Carver studied at the University of Memphis, and earned his masters and doctorate degrees from UT Knoxville. If appointed to UTM, he would be joined by his wife, Hollianne, and their family, all of whom are very excited

about the opportunity to come back to Martin.

As a new team player at UTM, Carver would want to focus on first becoming a student of the school. Traditions, organizations, each of the colleges and all of the small things that make up this university are important to Carver. He believes that if he can gather information, then hold focus groups and hearing sessions that he will be well equipped to hear out the needs of the students and faculty.

"I think... Martin can be excellent in terms of student success, not just looking at enrollment, but truly taking students as they're in high school and community college, and helping them get through and navigate the recruiting, admission, orientation and advising processes," said Carver. "They get connected through research projects, cooperative experiences and internships. [Once they graduate,] students really feel like they've been embraced, nurtured and prepared. That's what student success is about: embracing them and supporting them." Because of his position within the

UT System, Carver has exposure to the state legislature and policies that have come through it within the last several years. He hopes to bring that knowledge to The Nest and see how we can embrace some of the methods that worked at other institutions.

Carver refers to Martin as an access to education for not only young people in the surrounding area, but also business and corporations throughout all of west Tennessee who can benefit from the intellectual capital of our campus. He knows that between the experience of faculty and the dedication of students, UTM can give back to the greater region and always be present in important discussions for the area.

Carver says that above all he has missed interacting with students regularly and hopes that, if selected to serve at UTM, he can talk and work with students and faculty closely and often. The Board of Trustees meeting will be livestreamed and students can watch along as the final decision is made on Oct. 13 and 14 at <http://trustees.tennessee.edu/webcasts/>.



Dr. Keith Carver | Photo Credit/ University Relations

Enrollment of Saudi Arabian students declines nationally

Kristina Shaw

Co-News Editor

Similar to other universities across the United States, UTM is feeling the effects of declining Saudi Arabian student enrollment.

At UTM, there are currently 182 international students registered in degree programs, 61 percent of whom are Saudi students. The program is down 15 percent from the spring semester, but has held steady compared to Fall 2015. Enrollment in the university's Tennessee Intensive English Program has also dropped from 93 students to 41.

The decline has led to what Amy Fenning, director of International Programs and Admissions, calls "a financial crunch." As a result, she has released three teachers from their contracts.

"The good news is that diversity is up," said Fenning. "...A smaller population means we give more love to the ones that are here."

Many factors are speculated as the root of this problem. CNN has reported that 75% of the kingdom's revenue is from oil sales and there has been a drastic change in market price. According to economonitor.com, oil went from over \$100 per barrel in 2014 to dip to \$26 per barrel in Feb. of 2016. While this number has increased to \$50 as of June 2015, this is still a significant decrease.

Also of note are unofficial changes that have been made to the King Abdullah Scholarship Program and the secession of Salman bin Abdulaziz after his death in 2015.

Founded in 2005 by King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz

Al Saud, KASP (renamed the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Scholarship Program) made the country the fourth largest supplier of international students to American universities. In the most recent survey completed by the Institute of International Education, nearly 60 thousand Saudi students were enrolled during the 2014-2015 academic year.

The full-coverage, five-year scholarship provides a monthly stipend for students, spouse and children; full tuition; medical and dental coverage; annual round trip tickets for students and family; academic supervision; tutoring fees and other allowances according to the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission.

SACM serves as the middleman between American schools on behalf of their students to secure available educational opportunities.

To apply for KASP, students had to pay for up to 18 months of English training and could apply at the university of their choice and to the program of their choice. They could take no less than 12 hours a semester and had to retain a 2.0 GPA.

Current UTM students, like Abdullah Alshammari and Faisal Alabdullatif, will not be effected by the changes. The seniors are both business management students who will go on to graduate school. Alabdullatif has been a student as of 2011 and Alshammari since 2014.

Alshammari said he hoped to serve as an example of his good culture and for those who may be scared about studying overseas.

New incoming students must

apply for the fund in their country and pay for 30 hours of English training. They also must study in the fields of medicine, medical science, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, technology, accounting, law, engineering and computer science, and tourism and hospitality. Schools must also be among the top 100 or top 50 of their field.

However, while evidence of this has been visible, including an article published by the Saudi Press Agency on Feb. 1, 2016, the SACM has not officially communicated this to universities.

"Part of the difficulty that we have is we don't have specific policies from the Saudi government," said Dr. Malcolm Koch, political science instructor and Executive Director of the Center for International Education. "We know that things are changing, but we haven't really been officially notified of how they are changing and what the new criteria are."

UTM's Tennessee Intensive Language Program was accredited for the first time from the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation and despite declining enrollment, the outlook remains high.

"Over time, we have proven that this is a good place to go to school so I think in time all of this will settle down and maybe we won't have as many Saudi students as we have in the past, but I think we will continue because Saudi students have been here and had a very good experience," said Koch.

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Arts & Entertainment

Fall sees emergence, resurgence of fashion trends

Rachel Moore

Staff Writer

With fall upon us and leaves changing with the weather, it's time to go back home and pull out the fall and winter clothing.

For most, that means pulling out our sweaters and tall boots. This year, though, to stay on trend, try revamping the closet with some oldies, but goodies.

Everyone has seen it coming, and it's finally here: the comeback of the jumpsuit. Experts say to stay in fashion this fall, this long legged one-piece item is great in a tailored fit with vibrant colors that can have easy accessories. Also commonly referred to as pantsuits, one can find jumpsuits during all seasons, usually paired with rompers. For an added fall bonus, try the pictured style in a dark floral pattern.

Statement fur is also in style this year. Whether it's a "Chewbacca style" vest or brighter faux colors in a shawl, fur that reaches out to grab the viewer is sure to keep the wearer warm and on trend. For an added bonus, try a cross body fur stole, as seen at New York Fashion Week. Women can also add ruffles to any ensemble or beloved layering to create an in-style look for this fall.

Of course, with the advent of autumn comes another

year of adding make shift coat closets to every spare inch of the home. To fill those spaces, try some of the newest warm and cozy trends for loved ones of both genders. The classic army green jacket is still in style—just make sure to get one with plenty of pockets. Plaid overcoats and long trench coats are also back in style this year. For a trench coat that stands out, try a bold navy instead of the normal black, and to keep with the fall colors try jackets in shades of tan.

The focus for casual men's looks this autumn seems to fall on slim fitting cargo pants, fall colored (specifically copper) pants and the ever-popular high top sneaker boot. This shoe can be found from major retailers like Adidas and Nike.

Lastly, turtlenecks have returned as a staple for cooler weather. These trusty sweaters can be worn in all types of fabric, while layering, different neck sizes and in all muted colors of fall and winter.

When the time comes to bundle up this fall, remember that one should be comfortable in their clothing and their skin. When in doubt, throw on that chunky Goodwill sweater and head out for a nice, hot drink, knowing that as long as you love the look, it's sure to be a great day for fashion.



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The Guild of Studio 317 sculpts its way onto campus

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One of UTM's campus organizations is giving students a new outlet to express their creativity.

While UTM offers an array of student organizations with lots to offer in each, the Guild of Studio 317 allows students to explore their creative side while making new friends, without emptying their piggy banks.

This organization focuses on teaching art majors and non-majors alike the craft of ceramics and sculpting. Whether experienced in 3D art, or a newbie wanting to learn some basic skills, everyone is invited to join this organization.

"We want to make it possible for majors and non-majors to continue using the ceramics studio, even if they don't have time to take a class," said Victoria Falcon, President of the Guild of Studio 317.

One of the more art-driven, popular student organizations within the College of Humanities and

Fine Arts is the League of Striving Artists (LSA). LSA is devoted to promoting the goals and aspirations of all artistic students, regardless of his or her concentration. The Guild of Studio 317 encourages all creative students to join LSA as an overarching support system for all art forms. Once they have found their niche, students can branch into additional, more specific art organizations, such as the Guild of Studio 317.

Falcon applied for this organization to become official in the spring of 2016. While they remain in "temporary" status, the only item of business standing in the way of becoming a registered student organization is the finalization of paperwork. Falcon is confident that this status change will be happening soon. In the meantime, the organization will function as if already under official status. The organization is well underway in recruiting members, planning events, and setting goals for the future.

"Craft has been a major part of my life for the last forty years, and I am excited that students are enthused

enough about craft to put together an organization about three-dimensional media," said David McBeth, Faculty Advisor for the Guild and professor of Fine Arts.

One of the many ways the organization is hoping to get students involved is through workshops. The first workshop that the organization is working on is a two-part project that involves Raku ceramics, a Japanese style of three-dimensional art. The dates along with specific information for the workshop have not been finalized, but will be released in the coming weeks. The Guild values students' opinions on what workshops should take place. Students are encouraged to attend meetings if they are interested in attending a workshop or pitching a workshop idea.

The Guild of Studio 317 is also working on upcoming events for the campus and community to attend. On Oct. 3, the C.E. Weldon Public Library in downtown Martin is hosting a reception for an exhibition for the American Craft Week celebration. This reception will be from 5-7 p.m. and will display works of many local talented

individuals, including students and professors. Many of the artists will be present to discuss their work and answer any questions that guests may have. The exhibition will be on display and open to the public from Oct. 1-14.

Another big event that the organization has adopted from LSA is the Empty Bowls event, which will take place on Nov. 19. The Empty Bowls Soup Supper Fundraiser is an annual event that raises money for the We Care food pantry in Martin and helps provide food for the hungry in Weakley County. The event takes two popular items—hand-crafted ceramic bowls and warm, hearty soup—and combines them to create an event that feeds attendees and gives them something unique to take home, while raising proceeds for the fundraiser. Now that the Guild of Studio 317 has taken in the Empty Bowls event, they are excited to get all of their members involved.

"We need all levels of involvement to help put together this event," said Falcon.

Members will be able to create entire bowls, receive help with certain aspects of

the bowl-making process, and volunteer at the event. The organization is also hoping to get the community more involved in the event by asking local restaurants to donate the soups. The Guild of Studio 317 are hoping that through this sponsorship, they can expand the boundaries of the event to include all of Martin, and not just the campus community.

The expansion of and involvement in organization events starts with the students of the campus community. Students interested in developing ceramics and sculpting skills or helping to enhance the community are invited to join the Guild of Studio 317 for their weekly meetings on Fridays at 1 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio (FA 161).

Becoming a member only costs ten dollars per semester, and these dues cover all materials necessary to work in the studio. This organization presents a perfect opportunity for students who are unfamiliar with the artistic side of campus to broaden their skill sets, as well as for creative novices to find support and inspiration within a group of like-minded people.

Sports

Skyhawks prepare for tough Tennessee State team on Saturday

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The Skyhawk football team finished step one of three for retaining the Sgt. York Trophy by defeating Tennessee Tech 44-23 at Graham Stadium this past Saturday.

Step two, and arguably the toughest test for the Skyhawks so far this season, will be to go on the road into a hostile environment and try to pull out a win over a tough Tennessee State football team.

The Skyhawks (2-2, 1-0 OVC) picked up their first Ohio Valley Conference win on Saturday, and in the process gained a leg up in the yearly Sgt. York Trophy Series, a traveling trophy that goes to the best overall OVC team from the state of Tennessee (Austin Peay, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and UTM).

Offensively, the Skyhawks got a great performance from redshirt junior quarterback Troy Cook, who completed nine of his 16 passes for 223 yards and two touchdowns. However, the Skyhawks were lacking in the running game, only picking up a combined 97 yards on the ground.

"Offensively, [we were] not very good," said UTM head coach Jason Simpson. "You've got to give [Tennessee Tech] credit up front, nobody up front played well. That was probably one of the worst games we've

played offensively in a long, long time."

Defensively, despite giving up 378 yards of total offense, the Skyhawks held Tennessee Tech to just nine points in the first three quarters before allowing two late touchdowns. The defense also scored on a late pick-6 touchdowns by Julian Thompson-Clay as time expired in the fourth quarter.

"I thought our defense played well," said Simpson. "We were able to stuff the run with the exception of a few scrambles by the quarterback and when they threw the football we were able to rush three guys."

With one conference game in the book, the Skyhawks will now focus their attention on Tennessee State, led by the second longest tenured coach in the OVC, Rod Reed.

Tennessee State (3-0) will be without starting quarterback O'Shay Ackerman-Carter, after he suffered a season-ending injury during the Tigers' 31-24 win over Bethune-Cookman two weeks ago. Senior quarterback Ronald Butler replaced Ackerman-Carter at quarterback during that game, and is expected to get the start on Saturday.

Butler started against the Skyhawks in his freshman year and completed 11-of-19 for 160 yards and one touchdown. Since then, Butler has played against the Skyhawks, but as a backup. TSU had a bye week



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last week, so that will give the Tigers an extra week to get used to the new quarterback.

The Skyhawks will also be challenged to shut down Tennessee State's leading rusher Erick Evans and leading wide receiver Patrick Smith. So far this season, Evans has rushed for 215 yards and three touchdowns, while Smith has caught 14 passes for 189 yards and three touchdowns. The Skyhawks will also have the task of going against a tough TSU defense that has held opponents to 234 yards of total offense per

game, and an offensive line that hasn't allowed a sack yet this season.

"We've got some concerns," said Simpson. "I'm sitting here going through things in my head to try to get things down for practice today and to put a game plan together and give our guys a chance to be successful this week."

TSU leads the all-time series over UTM 15-10. However, the Skyhawks are 6-3 against Tennessee State during Coach Simpson's tenure at UTM. The Skyhawks have won the last two

Kickoff between the Skyhawks and the Tigers is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 from Hale Stadium in Nashville. The game will also be streamed on ESPN3 and on the WatchESPN app.

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Volleyball

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 - SIUE
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 - Eastern Illinois
7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Southeast Missouri
Skyhawk Fieldhouse, Martin, Tennessee
4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 - at Tennessee Tech
Eblen Center, Cookeville, Tennessee

Women's Soccer

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 - Austin Peay
2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2 - Murray State
Skyhawk Field, Martin, Tennessee
6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 - at Belmont
E.S. Rose Park, Nashville, Tennessee
1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 - Jacksonville State
JSU Soccer Field, Jacksonville, Alabama

Softball

4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 - Dyersburg State
Community College
Bettye Giles Field, Martin, Tennessee

Rodeo

UWA Rodeo Showdown
Thursday, Sept. 29 - Saturday, Oct. 1
Don C. Hines Rodeo Complex,
Livingston, Alabama

Football



UTM Skyhawks
Tennessee State
Tigers
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1
Hale Stadium, Nashville, Tennessee
Radio: 101.3 FM
TV: ESPN3 and WatchESPN app
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Austin Peay
Governors
UTM Skyhawks
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8
Graham Stadium, Martin, Tennessee
Radio: 101.3 FM, 90.3 FM
TV: OVC Digital Network

Golf

Skyhawk Fall Classic
Sunday, Oct. 2 - Tuesday, Oct. 4
Paris Landing State Park
Buchanan, Tennessee

Rifle

Ole Miss Invitational
Sunday, Oct. 9
Memphis Tiger Open
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1

Men/Women's Cross-Country

Louisville Classic
Saturday, Oct. 1
Cardinal Park, Louisville, Kentucky

Equestrian

1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29 - Auburn
Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex
Martin, Tennessee

Women's Tennis

Evansville Metro Collegiate Invite
Friday, Sept. 30 - Sunday, Oct. 2
Wesselman Park, Evansville, Indiana

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If you have ever in your wildest dreams thought of having your own business, we have a deal for you! *The Skyhawk Venture Challenge Workshop Series is coming to campus!* Experts from across West Tennessee will tell you what it will be like to start your own business.

Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Nov. 3, 10
at 6 p.m. in Room 33 of the Business Building.

- A light meal will be provided
- Door prize of a \$50 gift card each night and a \$250 gift card on the final night
- Chance to form student groups to start a business

Make plans for a travel study course for spring that will include visits to the Nashville Entrepreneur Center, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the UT Space Institute, and the UT Research Foundation. Meet the people who are innovative and starting businesses at these locations.

Register for workshops at: utm.edu/entrepreneur

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